

**SA1214479**

## Rare Large Chinese Famille Rose Castellated Porcelain Bowl, c.1880

Price

**GBP 2,000**

| USD \$2,701 | EUR 2,339

**Item Reference: SA1214479****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 11 cm (4.3")

Width = 42.5 cm (16.7")

Depth = 42.5 cm (16.7")

## Description

An exceptional and highly unusual large Chinese famille rose porcelain bowl, dating to the late Qing period, circa 1880. This is a rare and visually striking piece, remarkable not only for its impressive scale but also for its distinctive castellated border with a rust-red painted rim. At 42.5 cm in diameter and weighing 3386 grams, it has real physical presence and was clearly made as a substantial display object rather than an ordinary domestic bowl. The recessed central well is finely painted with a youthful courtly figure beside a table set with auspicious objects, plants and fruit. The surrounding interior is decorated with butterflies, lotus, flowering plants and delicate foliage, while the exterior carries a continuous frieze of elegant figures in colourful robes. The quality of the painting is notably high: the faces are carefully modelled, the black outline work is fine and controlled, and the plants, garments and small details show the hand of a skilled porcelain painter rather than routine workshop decoration. The underside bears a blue six-character apocryphal Kangxi mark, 大清康熙年制, reading "Da Qing Kangxi Nian Zhi" — "Made in the Kangxi period of the Great Qi..."

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